Utilization of CWC godowns by FCI

521. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various trade unions are demanding that godowns of the Central Warehousing Corporation be used by the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India is unable to introduce Best Management Practices to meet this legitimate demand;

(d) whether Food Corporation of India is interested in only transacting with private godowns rather than the Central Wareshousing Corporation; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the entire issue of edging out the Central Warehousing Corporation from the business of Food Corporation of India in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD and PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that they have not received any such demand from the Trade Unions for use of the godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The FCI hire private godowns to meet the requirements of Public Distribution System and other Welfare Schemes only where Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/State Warehousing Corporation (SWC) godowns are not available or where CWC/SWC godowns in the area are fully utilized.

(e) There is no proposal to reduce the business given to CWC from FCI, rather hiring of CWC/SWC godowns is preferred over private godowns.

Transportation subsidy for rice to Arunachal Pradesh

522. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has